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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers, spurred by an impressive exhibition win, will open the regular season hosting Illinois Tech at 7:30, Monday (Dec. 1) in Lantz Gym.

Last Friday, EIU defeated the Ft. Hood Tankers, 97-92, the same exhibition team that downed the Panthers last year and was favored to repeat this season.

Illinois Tech is 1-2 following a 110-91 loss to Illinois Benedictine on Monday. The Scarlet Hawks earlier finished third in the Lake Forest Tournament by defeating Concordia.

"I'm encouraged obviously because we defeated a team that had beaten us last year but, more importantly, we played hard," said Coach Rick Samuels.

Eastern will also play another home game next week hosting Northwest Missouri on Thursday, Dec. 4.

*****GAME NOTES*****

THE GAMES: Eastern Illinois University hosts Illinois Tech, 7:30, Monday, Dec. 4; hosts Northwest Missouri, 7:30, Thursday, Dec. 8, Lantz Gym

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt Mattoon WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial, with Marc Stuart calling the action.

SERIES: EIU leads Illinois Tech, 3-0, last winning in '86, 96-52; EIU leads Northwest Missouri, 1-0, last winning, 95-73, during 1973-74.

STARTERS:

EIU					IIT				
F	20	Tony Hemphill	6-5	Jr.	F	10	Charles Warnall	6-2	Fr.
F	42	Mike West	6-8	So.	F	44	Mike Kloak	6-7	Fr.
F	30	Dave Vance	6-6	So.	C	32	Mark Thompson	6-6	Fr.
G	20	Norm Evans	6-0	Jr.	G	21	John Mahoney	6-1	So.
G	24	Jay Taylor	6-3	So.	G	25	Ryan Kirkland	6-0	Fr.

NWMO

F	34	Jeff Hutcheon	6-8	So.
F	40	Bob Sundell	6-8	So.
C	42	Scott Calcaterra	6-8	Sr.
G	24	Glenn Phillips	6-4	Sr.
G	11	Gerald Harris	6-3	Jr.

LAST YEAR: The Panthers opened with a 96-52 win as KEVIN DUCKWORTH had 24 and JON COLLINS added 20.